



Expanding the AHUC Tax Definition

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The Mission

The mission of the Coast Life Support District is to provide and assure high quality healthcare facilities, services, and emergency care, as well as citizen health education and well being to all residents and visitors within the community that supports it.

- *CLSD is the public agency responsible, by law, for providing medical services of all kinds to the community*



The Question

Should CLSD place a ballot measure before the voters asking to remove the “After-Hours” restriction on spending After Hours Urgent Care tax funds?



Background

- After Hours Urgent Care program ended in 2009
 - Financially unsustainable at current tax and usage rate
- AHUC taxes currently supporting
 - After-hours medical advice telephone service
 - Exploration of alternatives for 24x7 Urgent Care
 - Building a start-up fund for new services or partnership
- *AHUC funds cannot be used for daytime urgent care*



Current State of Urgent Care

- RCMS is sole local urgent care provider
- Current RCMS urgent care services
 - Patient revenues cover only 60% of costs
 - State funding support recently eliminated (\$200K)
 - Annual losses \$325K
- *Daytime urgent care services are now financially unsustainable*



CLSD Proposal

- Re-define AHUC tax constraints through election
 - Eliminate “After-hours” restriction
 - Requires only simple majority of votes cast
- Support daytime urgent care at RCMS with existing tax funds
- Recognize RCMS Board of Directors Commitment
 - Raise a minimum of \$170K annually through fundraising
 - Diligently seek grant funding



Ballot Measure Question

Shall Measure O, passed in 1997 and providing for After Hours Urgent Medical Care Services, be amended to remove the “After Hours” restriction on use of urgent medical care services funds and authorize the District to use the funds to support urgent medical care services, with no increase in existing tax rate?